

Bill Hoppe distributes cheer in the form of toys to some of the youngsters.

## Drive: Successful Turnout Of Toys

by Mario Colasuonno

A toy drive was sponsored by the Third Order and the Ford Fraternity. It ran for three days, December 18, 19, and 20. During these days, enthusiasm and spirit were shown by Ford students as they brought in hundreds of toys. The children of St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf were the recipients of this drive.

It all began at an assembly on December 15. Brother Lucian, the moderator of the Third Order, introduced three of its members. Jerry Mamolito, Bill Hoppe, and Gerry Lynch informed the student body about the objectives of the drive. A large success was envisioned by all three speakers. However, the climax of the assembly was reached when Brother Lucian introduced Sister Mary Cletus and two girls from the school of the deaf. Both girls spoke to the assembly. The first girl, Patti McDermott, seemed amazed by the number of students. She told us that she wished seeing us back at the school again. Joy Di Giovanni, the second girl, was rather shy.

## Press Contest

In conjunction with the New York City High School Press Council, The National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc. is proud to announce its Ninth Annual "Brotherhood Awards" Competition and Human Relations Press Conference.

The NCCJ Brotherhood Awards will be presented at the time of the Human Relations Press Conference, Monday, February 19, 1968. The program will be at the Brotherhood-In-Action Building, 560 Seventh Avenue, New York, between 40th Street and 7th Avenue, from 1:00-4:30 p.m.

The awards will be presented for the best editorial, feature story or news article published since September 1967. The first prize will be a Medallion mounted on a plaque. Medallion Awards have gone to such schools as De Witt Clinton in the Bronx and Boys High in Brooklyn.

Deadline for entries was January 20, 1968.

All high school newspapers are eligible to submit nominations based upon any editorial, feature story or news article published since September 1967, the beginning of the current school year.

Sponsor of Brotherhood Week and year-round educational programming in inter-group relations, the NCCJ is a civic organization of religiously motivated people enlisting the cooperation of Protestants, Catholics and Jews to help build better relations among men of all groups without compromise of conscience or of their distinctive religious beliefs. It strives to eliminate inter-group prejudices which disfigure and distort religious, business, social, and political relations with a view to achieving a society in which the religious ideals of brotherhood and justice shall become the standards of human behavior.

## Coccaro's Council

by Greg Ventre

This year's Student Council, run by Ralph Coccaro and Greg Ventre, has really been working hard to make this year the best in Ford's history.

The three dances that we have had so far have netted a profit of over \$2,000, and have all been social successes.

It is inside the council that the ideas come from and the work done. You can thank our fantastic dance committee, headed by Rich Pelosi and Greg Ventre, for our great "mind expanders," and Bob Mascali and the New Business Committee for all the new ideas in the council. Phil Vanaria's Publicity Committee sees that the students know "what's happening."

The Senior Committee has been by far the most successful of all the branches of the council. The Senior Prom has been its pet project since the summer, and it should be a big success. So far, there are over 150 seniors attending (with more expected), and the committee thanks Mr. Hynoski for all his help. The committee has also obtained the current senior privilege, and for the recognition that the seniors have received this year.

Coming up in the year are 3 more dances, a Rock 'n' Roll show, and other events that are sure to be successful. The next dance, the Valentine "Luv In" will be held on February 10. The dress will be Mod, smoking privileges will be in effect, Ralph's Go-Go girls will be there, along with the "Onion Soup," and the "Cottage of Cheese," formerly the "Formula 44." The dance will run from 8 to 12 and ten girls' schools are invited. The great lighting effects of the Christmas dance will be unleashed once again.

## \$eniors

by Greg Shelton

This isn't a hard luck story for the seniors, it's a story for the freshmen, sophs, juniors, because you're all going to face it. It's now getting close to the proms, the last days, the college applications, rings, trips, clothes and girls.

Yes it started with January, the senior at Ford gets faced with the \$20 deposit for the prom, \$50 payment for the ones going on the senior ski trip and for a group of seniors their first or second rings, another \$28. Later on in the term the rest of the prom money is due, \$25 more. Then of course the college applications which costs \$2 to be filled out by the school plus \$5 to \$10 fee to every college you apply to plus another \$1 for additional scores sent to different colleges. All this gives us a very Happy New Year, (we should of stayed drunk, New Year's Eve).

After this the coming months are used to pay for the graduation pictures, payments for the tux rentals, asking the girl (a few months in advance I hope), then getting your friends in the same limousine and finally getting enough money for the whole thing. Then at the last school day our Pagoda comes to us. More money!

## Past Year Reviewed

by George Jalinis

Another year has come to an end. Another year has just begun. Ford is a busy school and we, the students, have a lot to remember of the past year. Activities, dances, sports events, plays, rock 'n' roll shows, and miscellaneous happenings have all taken place. With the opening of this new year, we look back at these events,

Gene Mumford led Varsity to victory over Loughlin in TV-Basketball game. . . Karate Club started under direction of Mr. Eylward

## As We Assemble

by Joseph Adornato and Al Malefatto

Following homeroom, Friday, December 15, 1967, all classes met in the auditorium for an assembly.

The assembly consisted of various speakers. Brother Lucian introduced some students and Sister Cletus from St. Francis DeSales School for the Deaf, who talked about the toy drive.

Brother Blaise followed, wrapping up the Franciscan Brothers Guild Drive for this year. He first thanked all the students for their hard work, the faculty for their encouragement, and all the others who made the Drive a great success.

Next, winners were announced and awards were given out. The top senior, junior, sophomore, and freshman classes were 404, 308, 201, and 113. These classes received January 2, 1968 as an extra holiday. Also, 113 was the top class in the school with an outstanding total of 168.33% of quota.

Brother Timothy then gave out the awards of \$15.00 to the top students in each homeroom. The top 45 students were also announced, their prize being a trip to Washington, D.C. The top three students in the school were: John Conway, 410, in third place who received \$50.00; William Dunkaton, 202, in second place who received \$75.00; and in first place receiving \$100.00 was Moses Rosario, 410. The top students in each individual year received \$25.00. As a whole, the school collected approximately \$37,000.00, which equalled about 102% of its quota.

Representing Ralph Coccaro, Student-Council president, was vice-president Greg Ventre, who presented to Brother Timothy a Falcon car.

Brother Timothy next announced and awarded First Honors. Those students who achieved first and second honors were dismissed for the day.

Bishop Ford's annual Christmas Assembly was held in the school auditorium on December 22, 1967. Ralph Coccaro, Student Council president was the Master of Ceremonies.

The assembly got under way with a prayer from Father McCarthy, a reading of the story of Christmas, according to St. Luke, by Anthony Medalgi and the playing of The Star Spangled Banner by the school band under the leadership of Mr. McConvey.

Sister Cletus from the school for the deaf then thanked all the students for the toys and the money that was contributed. Joy Ann, a student from the school, also thanked the students.

Brother Timothy made a short speech asking for self-sacrifices, to remember him and the faculty in our prayers, and to be grateful for all we have, especially our parents. He then wished all the students and faculty a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

and Mr. Episcopio. . . Hockey Club started with 55 members coached by Mr. McConvey. . . Varsity basketball team made playoffs. . . Mumford made Daily News All-Star list. . . Honor Society presented Film Festival featuring such films as "Nobody Waved Goodbye" and a special Ford "underground movie". . . Mumford shot record three-quarter court basket. . . V.I.P. (Volunteers to Improve Performance) program initiated at Ford came through as a success. . . The "Deceivers" won first place in Band Competition Dance. . . Lincoln Center Club presented "Repertory in Action" and "La Cenerentola" along with a concert by the Juilliard School of Music. . . Skiing Weekend—a lot of fun and a huge success. . . Valentine's Day Dance—another success. . . Senior Assembly was held starring Sal Rasa and the xaverian basketball team (?). . . J.V. basketball team made playoffs. . . Ford's bowling team led in three-way tie for first place. . . Varsity basketball team copped second place. . . First Rock 'n' Roll show was held starring the Vagrants, the Birds of Paradise and the Renne-Gades. . . "The Lark," a memorable play was presented by the Chalk Circle Players of Bishop Ford. . . 55 seniors won Regents Scholarships. . . School records were set in track by Tom Donahue, Mario Colasuonno, and Danny Cummins in City Intersectional Meet at Madison Square Garden. . . Easter toy drive for St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf cheered many. . . Father's Club Boxing Show was held in gym—other success of Father's Club was its Smoker. . . "Spring Fling" Dance was held, Susan Heusel was selected Miss Bishop Ford. . . Brother Alan's handball team—just another one of those things. . . J.V. baseball team showed win after win. . . Brother Cajetan's baseball team—better luck this year. . . School band put on its second annual Music Festival—enough of that. . . Bishop Ford Science Fair was held by Roger Bacon Science Club. . . "Highpoint" gave out its first Writer Awards. . . Ralph Coccaro and Greg Ventre won in three-party election for student council officers. . . Bob Lingua won first place in oratory. . . Trip to Expo-'67 highlighted year for seniors. . . "Outlook," a history publication, made its debut. . . Our bowlers finished in second. . . The Pennsylvania Relays and the Brooklyn Championships brought home medals and trophies to our J.V. and Varsity track teams. . . A total of 23 new school records were set in track. . . The "MOD" Dance of May 13 officially "ended" the year's social life. . . Final Exams, Graduation Exercises, Summer Vacation, and return to school. . .

Trip to Europe over the summer regarded as a wonderful experience by the three who went. . . First two female teachers entered faculty. . . Ford gained a new Assistant Principal in Brother Blaise.

### Wanted:

#### An Empty Room

Brother Lucian, who has recently been appointed Vocation Coordinator is looking for a room to carry on his job.

Until one is found, he would suggest that any boy who wishes to contact him by doing so informally in the hall or by phoning him at school.

Arrangements can be made for afternoon or evening shoot-the-breeze sessions (Monday excluded).



# Editorials

by Steve Brienza

## Truce

We had our holiday truce in Viet Nam. Let's take stock and see exactly what good was brought about by a "cease-fire." During this time of supposed good will and mutual agreement we find that the North and the Vietcong did their utmost to make the allies look like fools of the highest order. We agreed to a halt in fighting to show our honest intentions in our effort to end the war and bring it to the conference table. Our previous efforts were fruitless. Yet, we continued to search for a small opening which might end the war. The holiday truce may have been the opportunity to come closer to a settlement.

An examination of the holiday truce will show repeated violations by the enemy. Ambushes of helpless men were staged. No opportunity to carry through with the war was passed up by the north. Supplies were rushed in. Last year, during the "truce" the communists took advantage again and repaired roads and bridges thus opening supply lines to the VC.

Instances such as these are clear indications that the war must be waged with increased strength, perseverance, and courage if we are to be the ultimate victors. We have given the North a chance to help us negotiate a peace. If they do not want to see the trouble that can be avoided, then we feel that the allies, the U.S. in particular, should stop kowtowing to whims which are nothing but deceptions to mock us.

## Vandalism

A local Bay Ridge paper printed a banner headline which used the name of Bishop Ford High School in connection with vandalism suspects. The story, along with saying a number of boys was involved, mentioned the fact that a few of them attended Ford. The truth is that only one Ford student was involved. The schools of the other suspects were not mentioned. This is not the fact of importance. The acts of vandalism cannot be condoned. Yet, the use of a school's name is something which is not right by good journalism standards. The damage done to Bishop Ford is something which may hurt us. It is sincerely hoped that people reading the story will use their own discretion to realize that practices such as the one described are of the lowest ethical values. It is also hoped that every student at Ford will show, by his actions, that the act mentioned above is not something which is indicative of the entire student body.

## Individualism

He stands alone and people may laugh at him. He doesn't care. He looks at life as something for himself with respect to others. He is lucky. He is an individual.

Individuals are people who understand the need for a mind and expressions of their own. They have happiness and free ideas. Unfettered, unlocked, and uninhibited. They are the life-blood of society. They carry things on and are the most imitated of people. This is because with a real sense of individualism one moves up from a stereo-type to something of his own making and liking.

## Letters To The Editor

Dear News Editor (Jim):

In the Nov. 28 issue of Highpoint, you introduced the first "Ford Farsity." In it you made a statement as follows: "Where are the Senior Privileges? Where are the Seniors worthy of them?" In all honesty, I cannot see the need for such a statement. You have been in this school for four years just like the rest of the Seniors. If you do not feel that we are entitled to some sort of a privilege, then you should make it your own private opinion, and not embarrass yourself and the rest of the seniors in the manner that you have in your column.

There is a senior privilege in effect now, and I'm sure that you run to the line like the rest of us. I think you should be proud to be a Bishop Ford senior.

Sincerely,  
Greg Ventre,  
Vice President, S.C.

Dear Greg,

I am very proud to be a senior and a student at Ford. The reason I wrote these statements was because at the time some seniors' conduct was rather poor. There were a few events which proved the seniors (at least some of them) were unworthy of any benefits. It could not be expected that the seniors receive privileges if they didn't prove themselves responsible enough to accept them. As for making it my own opinion, I did. The entire column is written by me and any editorializing is done by me. And as for keeping my opinion private, you should practice what you preach. You have made your opinion public by writing the letter. As for what right I have to make such statements, I believe I have every right. First of all I am a senior and I am interested. I would like to see the upperclassmen receive many privileges as a recognition of their good sense and maturity.

Jim Cutie,  
News Editor

To the Editor,

In the last issue of Highpoint

you had many articles which were in the true sense complimentary in the art of newspaper writing. All the articles were written very nicely but you tell me what student cares about nicely written articles. He wants to read something interesting. He doesn't want to criticize your writing ability. So in the future please try to make your articles a little bit more interesting and more concerned with the student since he is going to read it and not a critic.

J.T.M., Junior

Dear J.T.M.,

We are a school newspaper and as such we are obliged to do our utmost to come across with good reporting. Highpoint is a publication for all classes of students. With all these varied types of people to satisfy we are besieged with all sorts of requests from everybody. We feel that we are doing a frank, clear-cut job of reporting and bringing the SCHOOL news home to all the students, no matter who they may be. Your complaint is not a new one and it is well taken. The editors of Highpoint are sympathetic to your remarks. Speaking for all of us I feel that I must try to clarify my position that I felt I made clear enough in my last editorial.

The articles that you are referring to are those which you might have felt are not too interesting to you as a student. Yet, your use of the words "complimentary in the art of newspaper writing" indicates to me that you are not aware of newspaper writing in a sense of an art. All our newspaper writing is something which is created by an individual who is doing his best to get across a message to people of his own age. Some people do not understand the nature of the artist. This is not the place to go into the definition of art for art's sake. All I am trying to say is that you should re-evaluate your idea of art and apply it to some of the stories which are put in

# Home Away From Home

by Brother Juniper

After living for five months at Saint Francis Novitiate in Upper Brookville, seven Brothers and myself would like to convey our thoughts on life here. We would first of all like to define what a novitiate really is. A novitiate is a place of formation which helps the person form a religious vocation. The novitiate is a very real world in which you come to realize who and what you really are.

It is also a place where one finds out what he has chosen as his life's work and if it really is going to be his life. During our



discussion, one Brother stated that these past months have been the best five months he has ever spent. The novitiate isn't a haven for hermits who are afraid of the "outside world." We do not have security, blankets but we are and must remain in touch with reality. This is where our foundation is being built upon and this process actually starts before entrance—but it is dynamically enriched through community life.


In community life there is always a vast difference in personalities and interest but ultimately these two things have the same goal in mind — perfection. We are in fact, a community of young men striving to find our vocation through an interplay of personalities. Through this means we must mature in our Christian commitment through Franciscan ideals.

We must have a commitment to the teaching profession as a professional. Programs of Fraternity of Christian Doctrine and boywork with hospital patients are two of the means in which we become involved in our Christian commitment. Through this involvement we are acquainted with the apostolate of any teaching order.

The spiritual growth which comes about, if one really puts himself to the task, affects one's values, interests and overall outlook on life.

Highpoint. These are representative of a broad cross-section of people and they should be judged as products of the creative mind.

Steve Brienza,  
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# The Ford Farsity

by Jim Cutie

Hi! It's that time again. Time to take off your old book covers from our last edition and to replace them with this one. . . The school year is moving along and the students are groovin' along. . . Speaking about grooving, the Rock n' Roll show will be in March. Speculation has it that the Vagrants will be topping the bill. (Knowing our luck, it will probably be somebody like the Smothers Brothers or the U.S. Military Band.). . . I don't want to say this school is based on an oriental motif but when the flag is flown half mast on Pearl Harbor Day, now come on. It's so "ah so" like that an hour after I leave school I want to come back again. . .

When was the last time you listened to announcements in lunch? You can't hear them over the groans of the poor guys who didn't bring their lunch from home. Why have a homeroom if announcements are made during the lunch periods? Then again why have a lunch period if no "lunch" is available? The food is so bad that the cafeteria people bring their lunch from home (that's the truth). Ford students belong to the exlax for lunch bunch. Lunch period should be known as the "bromo hour." The Senior snack bar is the ptomaine privilege. . .

CUTIE'S CUTIES: Tums spelled backwards is smut (wippee). . . Up with Venice street cleaners! Let's hear it for fluorescent tulip bulbs. Newest fad as everybody knows is the "in," such as be-ins, love-ins and Holiday Inns. Around this place it's "outs" like try-outs, drop-outs and way-out. . . The hippie movement going to pot (Ha, Ha). That's a joke son. The movement has been captured by commercialism. Now you have artificial flowers, teflon pot and the like. . .

Train strike never came; what a rotten break. Seniors were worried about it though. It could have canceled driver education classes and could have delayed college transcripts from being typed. (dread that). . . I have a thought: if the students late pay .25 cents why don't the boys who come early get a quarter? (bad thought. . . Attendance at basketball games low (could it be your breath). . . We had another folk Mass a while back. . . The Valentine Dance scheduled for the second week in February is a mod dance. Because it's a Valentine Dance free heart transplants will be performed. . .

Hey, remember Cathy from Connecticut? Well, the truth must come out. Her real identity is Isabell from Idaho. . . Seniors may declare bankruptcy. First the prom deposit, then the ski trip, and don't forget the graduation pictures. By the way, the winter wonderland for the ski outing is called the 'Sit n' Bull' ranch. With the cost set at 50 bucks it is doubtful that the Seniors are just going to sit n' bull. They are still hoping to be accompanied by a girls' school. Hope they're more successful at skiing than Jim Lonborg was. . .

The yearbook staff working feverishly to meet deadlines. Speaking of deadlines, this column is filled with them. . . The toy drive was a success (a real good cause). . . The College Board returns are back. Achievement tests and College Board rematches held January 13. . . The varsity hoopsters shaping up. The J.V. looked good all year. So did the cheerleaders. . . Driver ed. quote: "Better scared than smeared". . . Here is a thought (another one). We should send the school band on a USO tour for troops in Vietnam. Here's the catch: let the Viet Cong listen in. If that doesn't end it nothing will. Secretary of Defense quitting his post (wonder why). . .

Abolish sock hops and the corridor pass. . . I wonder if the Packers would have beaten the Rams for the championship if the game was in L.A. . . Are the Beatles great or are they great? They are the best, their new album is great. Their film short coming to town. . . Well, Dr. Spock was caught babying draft dodgers. I better visit my family doctor before I turn 18. . . The Monkees have to be the worst. No talent whatsoever. . .

There are only 6 months left of school. Gee, I'm gonna miss this place (cough, cough). . . Catch the school's surroundings. On one side is the expressway; the other border is a lot. Let's not forget the cemetery. Sometimes I wonder which has more life, Ford or Greenwood. . . There will be a book fair for high schools soon. That means a day off. . . I saw the movie, "The Bible." It has no plot. The book was better. (I knew he'd eat the apple). . . I heard that Brother Edmund (you know, a sign is worth a thousand words) has been asked to do the lead role in the life story of Harpo Marx. (You don't say). . .

Things Highpoint would like to see in 1968 include: Miss Bishop Ford, an intramural program between Ford and Bishop McDonnell, the gym afire, Mayor Lindsay impeached, more senior privileges, a good prom, and most of all the library in the friary. While we are looking ahead, let's look back too. Remember when: tuition was \$165, the module system was in effect, Freshmen were big, movies were shown on Sundays, and big Joe Diorio promised smoking privileges during lunch. . . Questionable quote: "You can't have your cake and eat it too." Said by Duncan Hines. . . (get it). . .

Here are some belated Xmas gifts. To the Physical Ed. Department we bestow a complete barbershop kit as well as a neon sign which reads 'Clip Joint' to be placed at the gym entrance. The History Department receives an autographed edition of the Communist Manifesto. It couldn't be signed by Karl Marx, obviously, go Groucho signed it. To Brother Lucian (Clark Kent) we give a personalized phone booth, not to mention an x-ray resistant speech book. To the Science Department goes the 104th element. We'll call it Boredomium. Brother Roman receives a dirty book to sell in his book store. To the boosters and cheerleaders, we donate a year's supply of lozenges. . .

While we are giving away things, we'd like to make know the recipients of Highpoint awards. The track team received the "Run For Your Life" award. The driver ed. participants got the A.J. Foyt award. The swimming team received the "Diver Dan" medallion which was awarded to them by Lloyd Bridges. The Highpoint staff received the "Peter Zenger" award. . . On the political level two awards were given. To Governor Romney went the "It Gets Out Brains Even Johnson Can't Reach" award. To Lyndon B. Johnson the "John Audobon Society" prize for his great dedication to Birds and bird brains. . .

NEWS FLASH: Our school mascot has been offered the lead casting in the Broadway adaptation of Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds". . . The theme song of the drive: (Guild Drive that is): Baby you're a rich man. . . To wrap it up I'll finish with the school quotation. Ready here goes. "The Knowledge in Ford stays mainly on the board." . . . Oh, well. I tried. Bye, Bye. . .



# Talkin' 'Bout Sports

by William Gargan

Well, 1967's over and maybe that's good. It was a bad year all around for athletics at Ford. As a matter of fact it was awful.

## Baseball

In baseball, it witnessed a drop of one place, from second to third. That wasn't too bad though and the team looks like it has a good shot for first in the '68 season.

## Basketball

The most disappointing thing that it brought, however, was the downfall of the basketball team that was always so close to the top. It is currently in next to last place and only escaped being in the cellar by beating Saint John's in overtime by one point. Cheerleaders and sock hops are good but they don't win games. Only good ball-players win games. The most that they can do is boast spirits and even their efforts at this are not as effective as a winning team's. I can't explain why the team has such a poor record. The absence of Gene Mumford and Roger Yost, of course, are important factors.

## Football

One answer, at least to more school spirit, in various sports activities, might be another winter sport, football for instance. That way, at least there are two chances for a winning team. But football costs a lot of money. I'm told it cost about a hundred dollars a man

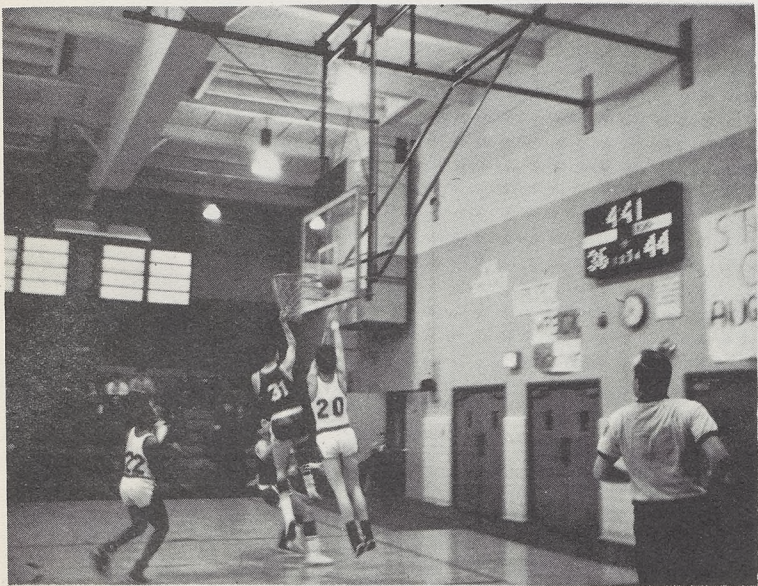


Photo by Bill Rotchford



just for equipment, not to mention the special insurance that is necessary for such an activity. It must be remembered that both a varsity and J.V. team is needed. Sure Saint Francis Prep has it; but look at the tuition they charge. Of course, we do make a lot of money on our dances; but there is a diocesan rule against it anyhow.

## Computerized Gym

'67 was a bad year for gym classes too. It seems someone goofed—they tell us it was the computer—and put four classes in the gym at the same time. Low and behold there are only three gym teachers! We used to practice for games we never played. Now we don't even get to practice. If the students aren't late, the instructor is, and by the time the roll is called and everyone is through shaving the period is over.

## Intramurals

It looks like the bright spot in this year has to be the fine intramural program set up by Mr. Whittekind. This expanded intramural program has been more effective than any in the past. So far, track, softball, football, bowling and hockey have gotten under way. The only one that was met unfavorably was the bowling. This is caused, most likely, by the length of the activity and the money involved. There are many more sports coming up. These include basketball, chess, ping-pong and volleyball.

## Trophies

I have one criticism of the Intramural program, however. And that pertains to trophies. Can't we afford better ones? And will somebody please tell me why the third place Track trophies are better than the second place Softball trophies?

## Mr. McCarthy

'68 is bringing us Mr. McCarthy, ready to charge through the gym and help to clear up the mess. For the sake of the underclassmen, Mr. McCarthy is a gym teacher. He taught here two years ago. Well, now at least every gym class will have its very own gym teacher. One thing is certain, he'll find a big change since he has been here last. Maybe his military experience will help him out?

# Track Team Outruns Illness; Back Into Championship Shape

by Vincent Colligan

that the members of the relay, who were Mario Coluasunno, Al Logie, Ralph Cocco, and Curtis Willocks were not satisfied for in the finals they broke their newly set record with a 1:34.0. This time fell short of the New York State record for Catholic high schools of 1:33.7. The meet took place at the 168 Street Armory on December 8.

## Biggest Meet Of Season

The Falcons then ran in one

of the biggest meets of the indoor season, the Loughlin games. In this meet Catholic and public schools alike compete against each other. In this contest, which took place on December 16 at the 168 Street Armory, Al Logie picked up a second place medal in the 300 yard dash with a fabulous time of 32.4. Although Al had first place for most of the race, he was unable to hold off his opponent's finishing burst of speed and missed first place by two tenths of a second. Said Al "I didn't know he was so close until I saw him next to me and by then it was too late." Coach Bucciere said, "I think Al is THE best 300 man in the city. This will be proven at the NYU meet which is coming up in February." In the Novice 60 yard hurdles, Al Cadogan ran an 8.3 in his heat, set a school record in the semifinals with an 8.2; but in the finals he stumbled at the start thus knocking over the first hurdle. He still managed a time of 8.5, although he didn't place. Also in the Novice Hurdles, Tony Perry, a freshman, broke Al Cadogan's freshman record with a 9.3. As for the two mile run, Ray Worsdale was on his way to setting a school record, when

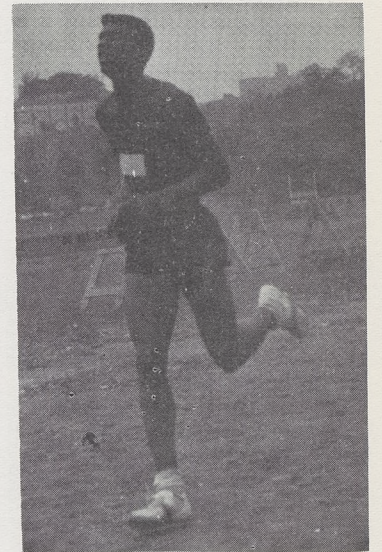


Photo by Bill Rotchford

he dropped out of the race because he was lapped by a runner from Brooklyn Tech who set a meet record with a fabulous time of 9:20. "I think Ray was one of the best Catholic school runners on the track," Mr. Bucciere was quoted as saying.

## Two Meets Postponed

In the dual meet season Ford began a battle with Nazareth on our own track on December 27. The Falcons had the lead at the time of the intermission on some fine running by Ray Worsdale in the two mile and Steve O'Donnell in both the half mile and the mile. The sprinting events were led by Al Logie in the 440, Curtis Willocks in the 300, and Ralph Cocco and Mario Colasunno in the 50. Ralph Cocco, who placed third in the 50 yard dash, ran with an infected ear. Danny Cummins took first in the High Jump as did Al Cadogan in the Hurdles. The Varsity shotputters again came through in the clutch taking first and third place. After a brief intermission the relay events were about ready to be run. Snow, which had begun during the running of the 50 yard dash, started to really fall. The snow made the track so dangerous that, as the starting men of both Ford's and Nazareth's 880 yard relay zoomed around the first turn, they fell making it look like a roller derby meet instead of a track meet. It was this event which led to the decision by the coaches and moderators to postpone the relay events with Ford leading 43-38.

The weather was no better on Thursday, so the meet scheduled for December 29 against St. Francis Prep was also postponed. This puts Ford far behind in their dual meet schedule.

# Field Eventers Improve Ventre Proves Big Man

by Ralph Constantino

It's hard to describe the field events team. "A wave growing in power, number and importance," might be a good phrase to use. In comparison to former years, this year's team seems to be the biggest and best in Ford's history.

Many changes have taken place, under the direction of the new coach Brother Carmine, such as a private room weights and additional equipment. He has also introduced various workouts to round out the team.

## Team On The Rise

The reason for the team's rise in tide is simple. Speed, strength, and form, which are all important are found on all three levels: Varsity, J.V. and freshman. Greg Ventre and Kenneth De Bruh are as yet the only two on Varsity

since they have broken their novices and received medals. Greg, a senior, is expected to be the "big" man on the field. He is highly dexterous in all the events including shotput, discus, javlin and even the sixty yard dash. He also helps by teaching the new men with films of his excellent form. Ken is best described as a flying fish. He can swim but not yet fly. In the various meets, he has either taken first or second place. At the Loughlin meet, in competition against all public and private schools in Brooklyn, Queens, New York City and Staten Island, he broke his novice with his farthest throw ever 45'5".

## J.V. Lacking Form

On the J.V. currently at low tide, there is lots of talent. But lack of form has kept the team from throwing their best. Members of the J.V. are Joe Plesco, John Plumket, Francis Volpe, Guy Sconzo, Ralph Constantino and Joe Rielly.

## Freshman Are Strong

On the freshman level, Ralph Hernandez leads an already strong squad. This is due in part to the capable guidance of Frank Brancato, the freshman manager. Brother Carmine believes that Frank is solely responsible for the freshman success. The bulk of the team is throwing in the forties. This is excellent considering that this is the beginning of the indoor season. Some outstanding members are: Anthony Antomelli, Ralph Hernandez, Charles Nardello, Carl Esposito, Nicky Di Maiuto, and Brian McMahon.

As far as team performance goes, verses Loughlin, the Varsity took third place and the frosh team swept all three places. Against Nazareth, the Varsity placed first, third, fourth and fifth, while the freshmen team placed second, third and fifth.

## Future Meets Tough

The meets coming up are even tougher than those earlier ones. In the Saint Francis games, Milrose Meet, and the Hays games, the field events team will try to improve on its already outstanding record.

## DUAL MEET OF DEC. 27

Two Mile, Ray Worsdale, 10:25, First; One Mile, Steve O'Donnell, 4:50, First; 880, Steve O'Donnell, 2:09.4, Third; 440, Al Logie, 53.7, First; 300, Curtis Willocks, 35.7, First; Mike Holder, 36.4, Third; 50, Mario Colasunno, 5.9, Second; Ralph Cocco, 6.0, Third; 60 yd. Hurdles, Al Cadogan, 8.6, First; Danny Cummins, 8.8, Third; High Jump, Danny Cummins, 5'8", First.





## "Cold Blood" Chilling Concoction Of Carnage

by William Gargan and Mike McLean

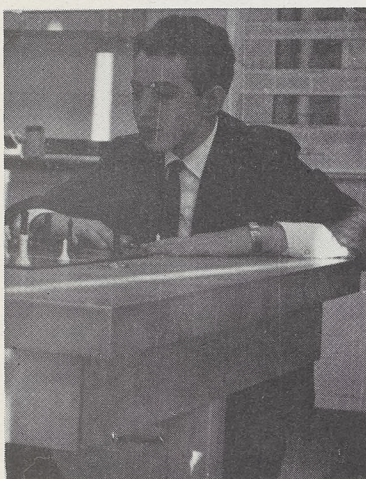
In *Cold Blood*, directed by Richard Brooks, is a successful transformation of Truman Capote's number one best seller

## Chess Men Make Moves

by Paul Marino

If you would ever go by the Physics Lab on a Wednesday afternoon you would see 31 students sitting around the tables. At first you would think it is a teacher holding class after hours but it's not. It's our chess team.

Unbelievable as it may seem 29 are freshmen and three ninth graders Jetley Montigue, Gerard Elias and James Palito, took the Bishop Ford name to a meet on Saturday, October 21 to compete against seniors from 15 paro-



chial and public high schools. With all the Ford spirit in them, they came in second place. The proof of this is in the trophy case.

While some of us were working or playing our school spirit was hard at work again at the New York Championships in Manhattan. This meet was held on the 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th of December and lasted from ten o'clock to noon and from 2:30 to 4:30. Competing at this chess tournament were 2,000 boys from the 50 New York State high schools. The team scored 21st out of 50 other schools. While speaking to the members they said that they owe their techniques to Brother Sebastian who helped them attain their winning ways.

## Mister Harumph While Climbing Down

by Steve Balzarini

"We should all now take this time to thank God," said he, "For all the beautiful gifts he has given us." "The tools of our trade—our hands, feet, voices, and every other thing we possess, in order that we might do our work."

"No matter what happens up there, I want you to know that I love you all. I know you will all do your best."

Obscure David looks on thinking of how it will be, or something like that anyway. Glassy-eyed Patrice is nervous with anticipation praying to herself. For everyone, Cathi's hundredth time out and she's still feeling the pulse of the unknown time-

to the screen. It is the detailed reenactment of the senseless slaying of a Holkim, Kansas family, by a pair of ex-cons, in order to pull off the perfect "score."

The film, starring Robert Blake as Scott Wilson, Perry Smith as Dick Hickock, is filmed on the actual scene of the crime, in black and white, which adds much to the prevailing atmosphere of terror and gloom, dominating the picture. It tries to answer the question, Why? One answer seems to be insanity.

Through the skillful use of numerous flashbacks, director Brooks has managed to paint a vivid portrait of the murders, particularly Perry, by revealing the complexity of his "sickness." His impressionistic technique of switching scenes with the sound of a name, the slamming of a door and the ringing of a telephone are amazingly effective; and totally jarring in their abruptness. The murder sequence, wisely held back until Perry's confession, is a masterful bit of acting and photography. In this scene the main reason for Perry killing is given; that reason being a deep rooted childhood disturbance.

After their capture, and Dick Hickock's subsequent confession, the two are taken to S.I. (Security and Isolation), where they await their turn at the "corner." It is this time that Perry takes to reading Thoreau, and drawing, while Hickock has his life story written by some writer.

One of the most interesting things in this death row scene is the introduction of a new character, Andy. Andy is "the nicest boy in Kansas." He only killed his father, mother and sister. He says that when you hang, answering Hickock's question, "You crap your pants."

After a routine route of appeals and after their case was brought to the Supreme Court three times, Perry and Dick are sentenced to hang until dead on April 14, 1965; five years after their original conviction. Their execution is an unforgettable climax to the picture. Before hanging Dick triumphantly announces that he is glad to die and enter into a better world than this one ever was.

piece upstairs. Anne worried about duty and other such selfless things, as the glow she doesn't see coming from her face, smiles at us. John, the apostle, silently observes us. His mind sharpened. Achievement is all around our heads. To do it. Go. Thomas creeps around feeling every fiber in his body quickened to the tune of the artist. Somma and Maria wait for the signal. Determination.

Boxes on the music floor spin waves as the minutes come closer.

His voice once again beckons us towards pinnacles of awareness. "I will not lie to you.

## Ford Clubs Math Club

by Joseph Bongiorno

The student body of Bishop Ford High School is offered many worthwhile extracurricular activities. Included in that list is the Math Club.

It is presently composed of Varsity and Junior Varsity teams run by Brother Bruce and Mr. Duggan, respectively. Combined membership of these teams is approximately twenty-five members. Meetings are held weekly in room 124 and competitions, which involve a math contest, are held in the audio-visual room. For the contest, the five scores from each team are sent in as official entries. Awards come in the form of trophies and personal incentives.

The club is not new to Bishop Ford. It has been in existence for over three years. The purpose of the organization is twofold; first, the moderators hope that the participating members will gain mathematical enrichment and involvement from the program; second, to win interscholastic competitions. This is hoped to stimulate the members to greater levels in mathematical exams, such as the College Boards and finals. Finally, Mr. Duggan expressed the desire that, if nothing else, the students will come to acquire an interest in and an enjoyment of math as an accomplishment and not just another subject.

## Science Club

by Tom Gargan

When the Science Club first began, its main purpose was to enlighten the student body of a new and interesting world. A world of experiment and exploration. Since the beginning of Ford the Science Club has been involved in many different areas of research and has taken various approaches to accomplish their general and specific aims.

In its beginning it stressed extracurricular films and special lectures but today it consists of five highly developed sections:

- 1) Introductory Radiation Biology
- 2) Advanced Radiation Biology
- 3) Introductory Histology
- 4) Advanced Histology
- 5) Project Work Section

The moderators of these sections are Brother Marius and Mr. John Bianchi.

The Roger Bacon Science Club has been especially active this year by conducting a field trip for earth science students to Howe Caverns, New York, The Hayden Planetarium and the Museum of Natural History. A special lecture on the effects of drugs was given by Dr. Lynch, a Professor of Pharmacology at St. John's University.

An important fact to note about Ford's Science Club is that it is an established chapter of the Future Scientists of America with headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Truth is the least I owe to you." His teacher vocals bring us all closer together. Tell us, oh tell. We all feel that we are becoming a part of you. Part of each other.

The new people being taken along with the older people. They do not know as yet. When it is over they will. "The bug," he said.

Then the cue. "OK all on."

He inwardly smiles. We file past his eyes headed towards our single moment of being able to teach, to do, to believe, to create, and for a lot of us to pray. To pray.

Each of us has now ascended the stairway.

The curtain rises. . .

## Ford's Band Played On And On And On

by Angelo Imperiale

The band got rolling this year by making two outside performances for the Christmas season. The first was held at Prospect Park on Saturday, December 16.

If you had been careful enough to read through the December 15 edition of the Times or the Daily News, there was an advertisement by Abraham and Straus telling all about the event. There was old fashioned Christmas Carol singing and a tree lighting ceremony. The annual event was co-sponsored by the Park Slope Civic Council with the Bedford-Stuyvesant Beautification Committee, and the New York City Department of Parks.

To open up the occasion there was a planting of a Sourwood Tree by representatives of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Beautification Committee, followed by a presenting of the tree to Mr. Joseph Ferris, President of the Park Slope Civic Council by Mrs. Hattie Carthan of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Beautification

if not more delightful performance, than that which you heard at the Christmas Assembly. The crowd enjoyed themselves as they sung along in harmony with the band. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, a Christmas tree was lighted which would later be sent to the Angel Guardian Home.

After the band had warmed up from that chilling performance at Prospect Park, it was time to make yet another performance, this time at the Madonna Residence, a home for the aged run by the Sisters of the Poor. The performance was held on Tuesday, December 19, in a small auditorium at the home. It was a joyous sight watching these people enjoy themselves while singing along with the band. Once again the band performed magnificently. After the performance one of the inquiring band members went up to Mr. McConvey and asked him, "How did they like us?" Mr. McConvey replied, "You saw for yourselves how much they enjoyed



Band member braves cold to give concert.

Committee. After all these formalities were over it was time for what the crowd of about 150 wanted, that is Christmas Carol singing.

All the while, the members of the band were standing on the portico of the 115 year old Litchfield Villa in 30 degree weather. But up rose Mr. McConvey and with one gallant wave of his baton the people heard an equivalent,

it, they wanted to shake your hands but you were too busy putting away the stands."

In preparation for these two performances the band members along with Mr. McConvey had extra work to do. It required practice of the boys and it also required them to give up some spare time. They did this for no monetary or material gain, but for a moral gain, the honor of doing it.

## the moon being made of joycian theory ringletted crosses dissolve into shadow so

by Jim Brannan

mr james o'dea sees all this because he never had to speak off the top of his wristwatch and never was forced to rationalize velvet or strychnine so he continues

the major concern in southeast asia is not whether our military can pacify indigenous revolutionary forces and retard the development of chinese influence in the area the problem is not to create stable western oriented political and economic structures amenable to ameri-



can investment and western logic our preoccupation should (should) be with our own direction as a society and the direction of the institutions we have developed can these institutions reorient themselves to a compatibility with the values we have helped nourish on the asian continent africa and latin america

democracy individualism republicanism socialism and constitutional government are west-

ern concepts only recently espoused in these formerly inaccessible areas of the world they have generated varied revolutions in these countries against the old order we being the dominant force in that old order (our problem is obvious)

america has preoccupied itself for 20 years with augmented economic growth the social and psychological problems resulting from this spontaneous development have been minimized

at the forefront of our condition is the continuing negro revolution closely associated with this is the condition of the poor in america cities are hazardous as well as uncomfortable slums will be destroyed or will destroy the cities americans must be able (please be able) to choose the future of their environment themselves bureaucrats federal state municipal agencies have thus far proven inadequate in this respect private enterprise has been unconcerned

CULTure is pervasive art is not we must make a distinction between them (i suppose) we can use the number of artists produced by a given CULTure but since that is only quantitative it is still inadequate really you must determine who is artistic and who is not

-is popular music art-regardless of the answer it is nonetheless intrinsically a CULTural phenomena whether bob dylan or the beatles are artists is purely academic their influence is persuasive particularly among the young.